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1. Stahlwerk Gröditz is to receive two new travelling cranes, one of 80 and one of 150 metric tons capacity. The cranes are designed to be used with heavy forge presses. The travelling cranes (Katzen) are constructed so that a piece of work can be turned on its long axis (um die Längsachse gedreht). It is not known what forged pieces are heavy enough to require such cranes.
2. At the Mathias-Thesen-Werft, Wismar, a drydock for 60,000-ton ships is under construction.
3. Among the forge presses set up at VAB ABUS Schwermaschinenbau Wildau are two new presses of 2,500 and 5,000 tons capacity; they were manufactured by Schloemann A.G. in Duesseldorf. The two forge presses were allegedly sold to an unidentified firm in France, whence they were transported to Czechoslovakia and eventually to ABUS Wildau.
4. Poland has recently delivered unspecified quantities of plate for marine construction to DDR shipyards. It is believed that the plate comes from Upper Silesia. Occasionally plate is delivered from West Germany.
5. The fourth blast furnace at Eisenhüttenkombinat Ost, Fürstenberg/Oder, is supposed to be put into operation soon. Six blast furnaces are planned for the combine.

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